MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the member be pleased to state whether it is not the abkari policy to increase the tax on arrack?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Yes. It is the policy of the Government to make it more costly. But there must be a limit for it. If we go beyond that limit, there may be malpractices.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Does the member know that the tax on arrack is higher here than in the Madras Presidency?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I do not know.

Trees tapped and the income derived therefrom during 1104 to 1108.

66. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of trees tapped and the amounts of tree-tax and toddy rentals realised during the years from 1104 to 1108?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: A statement containing the required information for the years 1104-1107 is laid on the table.

It is now too early to give the figures for 1108.

Year	Number of trees tapped.			Tree-tax.	Toddy rentals.
	Cocoanut	Palmy	Choondapana		
				Rs. Ch. C.	Rs. Ch. C.
1104	98,844	14,152	21,392	5,31,613 10 4	14,78,605 3 0
1105	93,290	14,169	21,027	5,04,690 0 7	14,65,964 15 9
1106	61,644	13,729	11,514	3,39,242 7 6	11,37,742 20 0
1107	56,307	13,326	11,144	3,39,995 15 12	9,95,205 19 13

Rate of tree tax in Travancore and Cochin.

67. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the rate of tree-tax in Travancore and that in Cochin?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: A statement containing the required information is laid on the table.

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[Mr. C. O. Madhavan.]

Rate of tree-tax per half year in

	Travancore. Bh. Rs.	as.	ps.	Cochin. Bh. Rs.	as.	ps.
Cocoanut ...	4	0	0	4	0	0
Palmyra ...	2	0	0	1	8	0
Choondapana ...	8	0	0	8	0	0

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Does the member know the rate of tree-tax in the Madras Presidency?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I have not got the figures with me now.

Revenue from arrack shops for the last two contract periods.

68. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement showing the revenue realised during the last two biennial contract periods from

(*a*) the rent of arrack shops; and

(*b*) the Excise duty on arrack?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: A statement containing the required information is placed on the table.

(*a*) Rent of arrack shops.

Year.	Amount Rs.	chs.	c.
1104	5,33,318	11	5
1105	5,28,014	8	1
1106	3,83,267	10	6
1107	2,98,705	16	0
(*b*) Duty on arrack.			
1104	6,62,507	22	1
1105	6,02,228	17	7
1106	4,13,776	19	11
1107	3,04,253	8	8

Trees tapped during the last two contract periods.

69. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of trees tapped during the last two biennial contract periods?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: A statement containing the required information is placed on the table.

Statement showing the number of trees tapped during the last two biennial contract periods.

Year.	Number of trees tapped. Cocoanut	Palmyra	Choondapana
1104	98,844	14,152	21,392
1105	93,290	14,169	21,027
1106	61,644	13,729	11,514
1107	56,307	13,326	11,144

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